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[illegible] OPPORTUNITY.

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[illegible] symbol of our faith that [illegible] all the nations [illegible] international [illegible] freedom. For [illegible] of revolt against [illegible] of faith in the vic- [illegible]. The early [illegible] and even yet the [illegible] revere the "blood- [illegible] of the Cross" and sing:

[illegible]

[illegible] Socialism will not quench [illegible] of the national flags. Each na- [illegible] will retain its own, and doubtless the [illegible] will always have theirs. The [illegible] international flag; but the [illegible] will probably be more be- [illegible] after Socialism comes.

The Class Struggle

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[illegible] Socialism itself shall run riot, plunging into the very excesses of maddening folly, taking unspeak- able delight in its gross and gruesome fanaticism, holding its lurid torch above the smouldering ruins of the Church, the State and the Home, leaping wildly about upon the broken columns of civiliza- tion, redeemed at last from all restraint, reveling in greed and lust, carrying the gory banner of com- munism beyond the confines of civilization—and that means back to lawlessness and barbarism!

Of course Dr. Hill does not believe that such "gruesome fanaticism" will follow the victory of Socialism when all the people shall rule, therefore we cannot pretend that we think him sincere in such wild rhetorical flour- ishes. It is merely his way of trying to scare ignorant people with a grotesque bug-a-boo. But people have seen illuminated pumpkin heads before Dr. Hill's arrival, and they will no longer scare so easily.

Revolution by Force

Victor Berger, an American Socialist, has to his credit one of the most rousing speeches delivered at the last national convention of the Socialist party in Chicago in 1908.

What he said in the course of that impressive oration becomes doubly interesting because it is found in a report of the official proceedings.

"I have heard it pleaded," he declares, "many a time right in our own meetings by speakers in at- tendance that the only salvation for the proletariat of America is direct action, that the ballot box is simply a humbug. Now, I don't know how this question is going to be solved. I have no doubt that in the last analysis we must shoot; and when it comes to shooting, Wisconsin will be there. We always make good."

Again, "We want to keep out of the party every- body who is not in harmony with our main prin- ciples and who are opposed to the fundamental idea of the party, which means the ballot box. In order to be able to shoot, even, some day we must have the power of the political government in our hands, at least to a great extent."

But it only remains for me to quote the utterances of the chief representative of Socialism in this country, Eugene V. Debs, thrice candidate for the presidency on the Socialist ticket.

There is no question as to the attitude of Debs to the State. In a speech seconding his nomina- tion at the national convention in 1908 one of the delegates, John Spargo, acclaimed him "the personi- fication of the revolt of the working class in this country."

And as for Debs himself, he had already been heard from. In his speech at St. Louis in August, 1897, he said: "The time will come to invoke the populace. In the very near future there will be an uprising of the people. Congress will be dispersed and the supreme court abolished. When the time comes you can count upon me. I will be ready to shed the last drop of my blood."

In his "Life Writings and Speeches," page [illegible], may be found these words: "When the [illegible] comes we will be prepared to take possession and assume control."

The voice of Debs is that of the entire Socialist school. I warn you against it.

Whether the revolution shall be [illegible] or violent depends entirely upon the [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible] working people [illegible] not want [illegible] or children to be [illegible] polls, the [illegible] law and [illegible] into effect [illegible] affairs [illegible] upon their [illegible].

We have [illegible] Forge and [illegible] Gettysburg and the [illegible] children of [illegible] need be, prove it to the [illegible] of the capitalist [illegible] Hill, what the Bible [illegible] says about the battle of [illegible] has not yet been fought. As [illegible] again:

"Slowly comes a hungry people,
As a lion, creeping nigher,
Glares at one who nods and winks
Behind a slowly dying fire."

The Socialists of Russia are [illegible] forefathers did, because they have [illegible] privileges worthy of the name. But [illegible] cialist movement of the world is [illegible] ceeds by peaceful education and the ballot [illegible] expects to do so. It [illegible] tional literature and does more [illegible] work in parties and unions than any [illegible] movement—and it is growing faster [illegible] other movement ever did in the history of the world. And so, [illegible] ing the irrepressible [illegible] movement out of which the Socialist move- ment grew:

"Refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found FIGHTING AGAINST GOD."

For God has ordained the [illegible] people and that justice and [illegible] reign over all the earth, and [illegible] clearly that GOD HAS THE [illegible] PUTTING DYNAMITE [illegible] OBSTRUCTIONS IN HIS WAY.

AWAKENED [illegible]

By [illegible]

Awake! awake! [illegible]
[illegible] for the fray!
The battle [illegible] victory [illegible]
glorious day.
The great [illegible]
[illegible]
Its curtain [illegible]
[illegible] long.

All other [illegible]
this [illegible]
Which [illegible]
[illegible]
Too long [illegible]
[illegible]
Make [illegible]
to [illegible]

Awake! awake! O [illegible]
to [illegible]
Make [illegible]
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Then [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

The Truth Is Marching On

[illegible]

... Christian People

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Socialism a Peril to the Church

By J. Wesley Hill, D. D., Pastor Metropolitan M. E. Church [illegible]

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[Dr. Hill's article is printed in eight-point type, the Editor's Reply is interspersed in ten-point type. If you wish to read Dr. Hill's article as a whole, read only the smaller type.]

Socialist Platforms

Therefore, in the discussion of Socialism, its relation to religion cannot be overlooked. Nor dare we be deceived by its loud profession of indifference to religion, or its attempt to evade responsibility at this vital point by relegating religion to the individual and reducing it to a matter of "private opinion."

As a rule, Socialist platforms indicate no antagonism to religion.

The reason for this apparent toleration is not, however, stated in those platforms. For these, non-Socialists of an inquiring mind are obliged to seek elsewhere. In seeking elsewhere it is soon discovered that the entire Socialistic propaganda is religionless!

This conclusion is emphasized by the most incontrovertible facts of the Socialistic literature.

"A Reading of Socialism and Positive Science," a book written by Enrico Ferri, an international figure in Socialism, clearly shows the tendency of Socialism in relation to the religious question.

On page 31 appears the following: "It is because Socialism knows and foresees that religious beliefs must waste away. It is for that reason that Socialism does not feel the necessity of fighting specifically the same religious beliefs which are destined to disappear."

Edward B. Aveling, one of the great atheistic leaders of Europe, the very best authority on Atheism, declares, "Marx was an avowed Atheist, and those who desire to know the [illegible] for the [illegible] of Marx, [illegible] Liebknecht, Lafargue and Adler, in a [illegible] of all the founders and teachers of scientific Socialism, should read the whole of the introduction written by Frederick Engels in 1892 to my translation of his 'Socialism, Scientific and Utopian.'"

August Bebel, although an avowed atheist, recognizing the necessity of different tactics than those employed by many of his colleagues, declared that while he favored "The dethronement of religion," he "found that progress toward this ideal lay in the capture of the public power."

Again, in "Woman: Past, Present and Future," page 146, Bebel says, "Socialism must eventuate in the dethronement of religion. But this will disappear by itself, without any violent attack."

"It is our duty," said Wilhelm Liebknecht, "to root out the faith in God with all our soul, nor is any one worthy the name who does not consecrate himself to the spread of atheism."

And thus Socialism sweeps the universe and declares it to be empty; points to the [illegible] of all worlds and discovers that it is kingless; that law is without a lawmaker, effects without a [illegible] cause, and that, in fact, there is "nothing left for deity to do."

It is too bad for Dr. Hill's case that he is forced to admit (what so many millions know already) that the Socialist platforms in various countries are fairly, squarely, sensibly neutral on religion, as beseems those who stand for full religious liberty. But he slips in an implied falsehood by saying "as a rule." Will Dr. Hill please tell us of one Socialist platform in any nation of the world that declares against religion?

One would naturally suppose that the Socialist platforms represent what the Socialists as a whole stand for. [illegible] Hill, Socialism would [illegible]

[illegible]

The Christian Socialist [illegible] attention to the [illegible] make it appear that [illegible] ism. We have [illegible] tions as multitudes of [illegible] Socialism is all [illegible] duled and defeated their [illegible] ism into Socialism—and [illegible] defeat Dr. Hill's [illegible] do the same.

But let it be [illegible] bigots and hypocrites [illegible] Socialist movement [illegible] those countries where [illegible] longest and strongest [illegible] trayed true Christianity [illegible] ing people to capitalist [illegible] chism more [illegible] the outraged poor, [illegible]

Atheism thrives [illegible] unfaithful church. It is [illegible] called Christians that [illegible] scorn of brave and [illegible] have lost no power [illegible] cast out and [illegible] Jesus, terribly and [illegible]

Whenever the [illegible] preached [illegible] Prophets, Jesus, [illegible] Church Fathers, [illegible] power and glorify [illegible] have [illegible]

After all, Dr. Hill's [illegible] from Socialist writings [illegible] are some Socialists [illegible] about religion [illegible] about Socialism.

Which Is the [illegible]

And it is now proposed [illegible] [illegible] the simple truth of Christ [illegible] allied with Christian [illegible] as Christian Socialism.

In fact, this so-called Christian [illegible]

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A [illegible] Christian [illegible] according to its [illegible] creed, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

can the divine principles of our holy religion become generally practicable.

This is what the Socialist means by "the Materialistic Interpretation of History" or "Economic Determinism." We must "Prepare the way of the Lord and make His paths straight" by general economic justice, not by brutish monopoly and cutthroat competition.

The God of Moses understood the principle of "Economic Determinism" fully; and though the crushed Hebrews in Egypt were degraded, licentious and idolatrous, He did not send them word to repent and be holy—He knew nothing better could be expected of robbed, oppressed, overworked slaves—He said: "I have seen their affliction, I know their sorrows, I have heard their cry and am come down to deliver them," and He did not even give them the Ten [illegible] they were out of bondage [illegible] on their way to the Promised Land full of plenty [illegible] for themselves and their children. That was the "materialistic interpretation" of God. It was divine wisdom, justice and love, not "atheism."

Surplus Value.

"Surplus Value" is a constant, as taught by the Socialists, is the difference between what labor produces and what it gets. In America this difference for the average man amounts $[illegible] per year, which is taken from him by an unjust system. [illegible] the workers have a right to [illegible]

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[illegible] numbers of real saints—such [illegible] of whom the world was not worthy [illegible] justified and condemned [illegible]. It has [illegible] of personal self-[illegible] in all walks of life and [illegible] directly or indirectly to the sub-[illegible] of history. Even Karl Marx [illegible] through the [illegible] the Christian Socialists, the Utopians, [illegible] of Saint Simon. And [illegible] of Christianity to [illegible] to be the divine [illegible] and brotherhood [illegible] the Kingdom of God on [illegible] the Gospels have kept constantly [illegible]. This is the leaven [illegible] silently doing its [illegible].

[illegible] has been tried in [illegible] business and politics. In [illegible] of life it has [illegible] and Socialism is [illegible] to the influence of [illegible] over which [illegible] it would not [illegible] principles into [illegible] and the [illegible] of Christianity [illegible] practice; and in the [illegible] opportunity to [illegible] and poverty, however, the present [illegible] of Christianity is manifest in [illegible] misery which go up [illegible] millions of suffering poor. AND THE CHURCH MUST "MAKE GOOD" OR DESERVE THE UNMITIGATED CONTEMPT OF ALL TRUE MEN.

Dr. Strong's Testimony

Dr. Hill can quote the Rev. Josiah Strong, D.D., against freelove, but not against Socialism. He says:

"I have made a study of the social teachings of Jesus, and have found that the kingdom of God was His social ideal, the will of God done on earth as it is in heaven; that is, an ideal world. . . . a civilization whose [illegible] is righteousness and whose law is love, [illegible] bringing universal blessings, spiritual and temporal. Jesus taught the reality of heaven, and the certainty and blessedness of immortality, but heaven occupied little space in His teachings. They dealt chiefly with this world and with life here in this world. He evidently believed that the best way to fit men for heaven was to bring heaven down to earth and to get men acclimated to it right here. [illegible] common conception of religion which fixes attention on heaven as the great destination, which makes this life simply a probation, and the 'salvation of the soul' its great object, is entirely foreign to the teaching of Jesus. And the misconception is due to having [illegible] or misunderstood the kingdom of God, having lost sight of the fact that the [illegible] of Christ's preaching was as [illegible]."—Dr. Josiah Strong in The Next [illegible].

[illegible] and Future Salvation

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[illegible] and politics. They [illegible] increasing [illegible] and profits.

[illegible] all are literally bound together [illegible] who have the best [illegible] as human beings [illegible] THEY NEED MORE, they need all opportunity to "LIVE MORE ABUNDANT." And the Socialists have sworn that they shall have it.

The silly remark about "man being created before society," which every one admits, does not lessen, but increases the responsibility of "Man the Social Creature." The Socialists are filling the world with the just and reasonable demand that mankind as individuals now address themselves to the task of saving society through social means. In this plan the individual has full play. But individualistic methods of education failed and society had to take up the education of children in her own and their own defense. Individual roads were impassable, therefore society had to take up the work of constructing roads. Individual religion could not stand without organized religious societies. Individual "charity" was a hopeless nightmare to the starving, therefore society built asylums and organized "Associated Charities," and yet the work of social relief has but begun. THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THE STATE, OF ALL ORGANIZED SOCIETY, IS TO DO FOR THE INDIVIDUAL WHAT HE CANNOT DO SO WELL ALONE. And though high salaried servants of capitalism, in the name of their false, golden god, may rave as madmen and spout slanders against our holy movement, the Socialists will press their arguments upon the people until all are saved from economic want and misery.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL STARVATION IS NOT ESSENTIAL TO SPIRITUAL SALVATION, and those who say it is always take care to save themselves from economic want at any cost to their spiritual lives. Under Socialism individual and collective responsibility will be safely, nicely balanced. We must have both individual and social salvation.

Hiss! Hiss!

"Therefore, the time has come for this farce, which is being played under the caption of Christian Socialism, to be hissed from the stage. It has already received too much toleration at the hands of an indulgent public. The church owes it to herself to shake off this incubus; yes, and Christian ministers, commissioned of God to preach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, owe it to their individual honor no less than to the home, the school, the church, and the flag, to put an end to this attempted coalition which can have no other effect than the perversion and corruption of Christianity and to cry out with one voice against the duplicity, hypocrisy, treason and atheism of a system at war with the foundation principles of civilization and inspired with the one purpose of destroying religion and rearing a system of gruesome materialism, 'without God and without hope in the world.'"

Though Dr. Hill and his deluded followers hiss like silly geese or venomous serpents (to which Jesus compared the exhorters in Matt. 23, 32) the Socialists will not be frightened "from the stage." In every country they are already playing the grandest part ever known to human history. Wherever Socialists control cities—and they control hundreds of them—there are no starving children, for food is provided at school; the poor are provided with doctors, lying-in hospitals, children's hospitals, hospitals for the aged, and often food at cost. Wherever the Socialists have even strong minority in any country, like Germany, France, Italy, Austria and England, old-age pensions, government life insurance, workingmen's accident insurance, free school books, free food in schools, etc., have been forced from the unwilling, hesitating hands of the rulers.

Remember, Dr. Hill, Socialists [illegible]

As [illegible] through [illegible] the [illegible] a new and [illegible] loyalty to the [illegible] of Man [illegible] subject [illegible] conditions of [illegible] very hold [illegible] is then [illegible] living [illegible] to the [illegible] ISTER [illegible] ANT LIFE [illegible] ANY AND [illegible] TIONS, IS TO [illegible] OUT OF [illegible]—From the Address [illegible] Council and [illegible] hood of Congregational [illegible] at Boston, Oct. [illegible]

hopeful voice—and they are [illegible] the others do not count [illegible] do are a negligible quantity [illegible] to be settled by ballots [illegible].

You will have to [illegible] working people [illegible] whether you and [illegible] or not. Since [illegible] words nearly a [illegible] citizens have [illegible] over [illegible] nations in [illegible] of [illegible] and why [illegible] Hill, "hiss" [illegible] it will only increase [illegible].

Of course Dr. Hill [illegible] being "at war with the [illegible] of civilization and [illegible] pose of destroying [illegible] tic hiss of the [illegible] terly false; for [illegible] realize the highest [illegible] cast off the bad [illegible] from [illegible] grow far more [illegible].

Dr. [illegible]

It is the spirit [illegible] stimulated to social [illegible] and civic development [illegible] have had a [illegible] of the [illegible] and the [illegible] the faith that [illegible] The literature of [illegible] heart of [illegible] whose [illegible] was the [illegible] the very [illegible].

Look around [illegible]

[illegible]

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The above statement [illegible] of Socialism. [illegible] actually think, [illegible]: but the [illegible] Socialism generally is not [illegible], it is the [illegible] of God.

The [illegible] of God

God seems to think it necessary to create material worlds before He creates life, to create bodies before souls. There must, so far as we know the finite universe, be a material basis for mental and spiritual life. The human soul, like a single human body, must have a comfortable material existence assured before it can develop mentally and spiritually. All this is self-evident to everyone but a capitalist preacher. He is always afraid that the demand of material plenty for the working people will prove the destruction of their souls! But he knows that he must have a certain amount of wealth before he can live comfortably, send his children to school and college and give them proper training in music and art. And the Socialists are quite materialistic enough to demand as good food, clothes, colleges, and art training for the children of the workers as Dr. Hill demands for his children. If this destroys the [illegible] of society—and it will destroy the [illegible] [illegible] as the [illegible] of the Old and New Testaments declare.

Socialism would remedy the most pressing distresses of two million unemployed by giving them good jobs at liberal pay; it would forever still the hunger cry of ten million American people by giving them plenty to eat; it would remove the wrinkles of worry and overwork from the faces of thirty million more by giving them ample salaries and shorter hours of labor; it would satisfy the cry of many millions of bright boys and girls for higher education, including music; it would remove want and the fear of it from the face of every aging man and woman; it would relieve the crippled, sick, insane, imbecile by munificent public care. And every [illegible] knows that such work would [illegible] "[illegible]," "[illegible]," "[illegible]," and [illegible] than all the [illegible] [illegible] and plenty in a [illegible]. God wants His Kingdom established here. When we do that, men, women and children will believe [illegible] in the love and goodness of God. [illegible]

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[illegible]

May God speed and all His own [illegible] [illegible] day!

Aunt Phoebe Nance

[illegible] Dead, [illegible]

"Uncle Ed" Nance, "Aunt Phoebe" Nance and "Aunt Jo" Nance have been [illegible] in Graves county, Kentucky, [illegible] Pottsville, for more than a lifetime [illegible] Uncle Ed and Aunt Phoebe were married at the age of 18 and 16 years respectively. They were both large, well-developed, healthy, handsome young people as their [illegible] now prove, and their lives were [illegible] happy together for 57 years, during which time they proudly welcomed six sons and two daughters. The six sons, all Socialists, and one daughter, are still living [illegible] to cheer the old man's heart with their [illegible] their children and their "children's children," for "Uncle Ed" is now a great-grandfather. It was his sons who converted him and his wife "Aunt Phoebe" to Socialism.

The house of "Uncle Ed" and "Aunt Phoebe" has been the social Mecca of the community since the memory of all now living there. Ardent members of the "Christian" or "Disciples" church and reformers from their youth, people came to see them on Sunday or [illegible] night. It is said that more food has been consumed at Uncle Ed Nance's than at any other house in Graves county; and judging from the kind of hospitality we sampled, we do not wonder that the people came again and again. And they have eleven beds, which generally leaves some to spare.

Aunt Phoebe was a brightfaced, cheerful, forceful, lovable personality, a great favorite with all, and when she died recently, there was general mourning throughout the community which her life had so long and so graciously blessed.

A devoted Christian and an ardent Socialist, Aunt Phoebe's long, pure, noble and generous life left a deep impress upon the community; and her grave stone—the first erected in the new churchyard of the Christian church at Pottsville, bears the beautiful, suggestive, sacred words:

CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST

Thus she still preaches the glorious Good News of Jesus and of Marx from her quiet resting place in the City of the Dead where her body sleeps while her soul basks in the sunlight of God.

This is a great idea. Every Socialist should have the record of his faith upon his grave-stone and every Christian Socialist especially. Do not let your voice be silenced by the hand of death. Proclaim the message of deliverance from your very [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] left dependent [illegible] mother, his [illegible]

Uncle Ed and Aunt Jo [illegible] gether. She [illegible] anyone but a Nance [illegible] that two Nances [illegible] good for her, [illegible] says that he has [illegible] best women God ever made.

Well, thank God for [illegible] human joy [illegible] J. Wesley Hill, D.D. [illegible] acquaintance [illegible] about Socialist [illegible]

Aunt Jo is full of [illegible] both Socialism and [illegible] "Christian," but [illegible] and preaches [illegible] a about. The [illegible] Bible were [illegible] Uncle Ed. [illegible] all their [illegible] earth and he [illegible] Christians and [illegible] as [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Christ and the [illegible] of "The Good News to the [illegible]

[illegible] "Songs of the Working Class" was the [illegible] of the address on Saturday night, from [illegible] and wonderful prophecy, and who [illegible] it can ever forget it? The speaker [illegible] with the vision [illegible] so clearly by the Scriptures, and [illegible] that the address she might be [illegible] and strong, realized that the Scriptures of this night more than justified it. The meeting was full of wonder, fear, love and [illegible]

[illegible] closing meeting on Sunday morning, [illegible] 20, truly "capped the climax." The subject "The Kingdom of Heaven at Hand;" [illegible] the accumulated meaning and [illegible] of the former meetings, it culminated the [illegible] into one sublime, melting, [illegible] never-to-be-forgotten session of hope, joy and power. Several times during the [illegible] every eye was wet and strong men [illegible] their heads upon their hands and wept [illegible]; but this last meeting surpassed [illegible] in pathos and power. Men, women [illegible] rejoiced and wept [illegible] the love of God, the "family love of [illegible]" and the glorious hope for human[illegible] before us like a mighty sunrise.

[illegible] story of the meeting would not be complete without notice of the singing. One hundred copies of Moyer's "Songs of Socialism" were used at every meeting. The people learned a few of the best choruses and [illegible] Miss Ethel Scopes of P[illegible] without whom the meeting would not [illegible] so delightful and excellent in re[illegible] the organ and often sang touch[illegible] voice exceptionally sweet, pure [illegible] The people were greatly [illegible] and blessed by her singing and all [illegible] her bright face and gentle man[illegible] prize that the Socialist move[illegible] should not fail to make the [illegible]

The [illegible] solos of Miss Scopes and the [illegible] songs and choruses by the choir and [illegible] "filled in the chinks" and furnished [illegible] warmth and power which the meetings [illegible] have otherwise lacked. Oh when will [illegible] Socialist comrades everywhere learn the [illegible] of song!

Every branch and every comrade ought to have copies of Moyer's "Songs of Socialism," which is without any rival worth mentioning in the English language. If you will learn to sing a dozen or twenty of the best songs in this book, your branch meetings and your public meetings will be very much better.

The actual results of the meeting cannot be known for years, if ever. Influences were started that can never cease. It would be too personal to tell of the many striking, significant [illegible] of the comrades and the people who have heretofore been opposed to Socialism, but it is very conservative to say that [illegible] Christians and others were converted to Socialism and some Socialists and others were converted to real Christianity, and that both the political, social and religious life of that community will feel the effects of the meeting for many years.

And what a fine lot of people "just common people" are! As Lincoln said: "How God must love the common people, for He has made so many of them!" What a beautiful, happy and [illegible] time we all had together, both in the meetings and out of them. It is not possible to tell of the kind words and deeds of all, but [illegible] the able and ceaseless labors and [illegible] self-sacrifice for Socialism of Mr. and [illegible] Lula Nance and Robt. Boswell require [illegible] mention. They will be honored in that community when almost every one else down [illegible] forgotten except by his own descend[illegible]

[illegible] comrades, such meetings as this [illegible] be held in every community in city and [illegible] Wm. Ward, [illegible] Bliss, [illegible]

[illegible] of July [illegible]

REV. WARD IN TEXAS.

Moran, Texas, Nov. 21, 1910.

Last night closed one of the most wonderful meetings that has ever taken place in Shackelford county, a series of three lectures on Christian Socialism by Comrade Rev. Wm. A. Ward, secretary of the Christian Socialist Fellowship. I say it was wonderful because of the intense interest manifested in spite of the prejudice that has always existed here against Socialism and its teachings. Several months ago we arranged for this meeting and we did it with many misgivings and much deliberation, as we hardly dared hope we could make it a success, but he came—he saw—he conquered. We had a meeting that will be long remembered, not only by comrades that are laboring for the cause, but by the hardened sinners that are fighting us on every inch of the ground.

The first night he took up the subject of the rich man and Lazarus and gave us a touching picture of capital and greed against humanity and suffering.

The second night he took up Socialism from a Bible standpoint, showing clearly that true Christianity is SOCIALISM, and SOCIALISM is only the following of the teachings of Jesus Christ and that the doctrines of Socialism are as exhaustless as the Bible itself.

But the third night was the one that crowned the fabric. The church was filled to overflowing, the seats were filled long before the hour of beginning the service, when he began to speak there was hardly standing room in the house and numbers could not get inside at all, and they listened as Moran has never listened before to an address of two hours on a comparison between the awfulness of the capitalistic system of today and the beauties of the SOCIALIST system that we are offering to the people. This vast assembly was held spellbound—hushed—while they listened to the awful description of conditions that none can dispute and then to the remedy to be applied to this cancer that is eating out the vitals of a people that was intended to be free and independent.

As he closed you could almost hear the breathing of the audience as they leaned forward to catch the burning words of eloquence, and tears glistened in many eyes as they listened to the awful portrayal of certain existing conditions.

All this is certainly encouraging to a few of us here that have undergone hardships and have fought for years for this cause and at times have been discouraged and almost ready to give up the fight as hopeless, but now it seems that we see a light breaking. Such pictures as this held up to a downtrodden suffering people whose privileges are going one by one, and who are being ground deeper and deeper year by year into poverty and want, certainly cannot go unheeded. Long live such grand and noble comrades to proclaim the Gospel to a people that is looking for deliverance from capitalistic greed, is our prayer.

W. H. Pritchard.

RESULTS OF ELECTION

Summary Noted from the Weekly Bulletin of the Socialist Party.

Slow coming returns on the Socialist vote show about 70 per cent increase over the Presidential vote of 1908.

One congressman, Fifth district of Wisconsin; [illegible] members of legislatures in states as follows: California, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, with eleven [illegible] states requiring a recount.

Counties Carried—Lake and Cook, Minnesota; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Franklin, Ohio; [illegible] Oklahoma.

Cities Carried—Grand Rapids, [illegible]; East Liverpool, Ohio; [illegible] Columbus, Ohio; [illegible] Iowa; Marion, Ill.; [illegible]

[illegible] DOUBLE [illegible] PAMPHLET [illegible] clear, fearless, [illegible] ism, explanation of [illegible] for opponents ALL [illegible] in bundles. 100 copies [illegible] for $2.00.

Here is the greatest [illegible] had for the money [illegible] of the Christian [illegible] who need this message [illegible] them. Their votes [illegible] enemy.

ARE YOU WITH US?

Then take this paper [illegible] insist upon the [illegible] copies to reach every [illegible] town. Then get [illegible] hand them out to [illegible] church.

And if your branch [illegible] live comrades to help you [illegible] help, do it yourself.

LET US HEAR FROM [illegible] THE PRESSING [illegible]

We have done our part. [illegible] Act at once.

Religion and [illegible]

At the Methodist [illegible] Service" in [illegible] church, Chicago, [illegible] Episcopal Bishop of [illegible] cized pious business [illegible]

"Men who have [illegible] sit in the front pews [illegible] unctuous piety and [illegible] men out of [illegible] theological seminary [illegible] mitigated regard [illegible]

"They are [illegible] moral and [illegible] practically [illegible] the secular and [illegible]

This strange [illegible] dual or divided [illegible] pious church members is [illegible] the refusal of the [illegible] himself with social [illegible]

It is such "Christian" [illegible] "atheism." Every [illegible] study Socialism.

WARREN [illegible]

Fred Warren may go to jail, but [illegible] of Socialism goes to Congress.

Warren has [illegible] jail, he will fight [illegible] more so, under this [illegible] famous sentence.

If the capitalist courts dare [illegible] will create a million subscribers [illegible] to Reason and another million [illegible] cialism. No matter what they [illegible] gains.

"You may jail me, but [illegible] claims," says Warren. [illegible] let the "heathen" rage.

TO PAY WARREN'S [illegible]

Comrade W. C. [illegible] writes as follows:

"Enclosed find $1.00 [illegible] Comrade Fred D. Warren's [illegible] other Socialist [illegible] solve such [illegible] to pay [illegible]

"The Good [illegible] which are [illegible] That court [illegible] late.

"Come on, [illegible] and power [illegible] only [illegible]

[illegible]

... Rev. J. Wesley Hill, D. D., [illegible] Metropolitan Church and [illegible] for divorce and that any member of his church or congregation who has been divorced and married again is living in adultery?

3. The statement that "the Socialists" are responsible for the booklet, "A Socialist Wedding," because a few enthusiasts calling themselves Socialists put the book out, is no fairer than to say that the Republican party, to which Dr. Hill belongs (because it has paid for his services at high prices), stands for atheism, because, formerly, Robert Ingersoll, a prominent Republican, stood for atheism, or that the Republican party stands for free love because certain Republicans do. It is safe to say that the Socialists in general favor marriages by priests, ministers or magistrates as fully as people of any other party.

4. The tragedy of Herron's life, so far from making him a leader of the American Socialists, drove him to Italy, and he has ceased to exercise any appreciable influence on the Socialist movement of America, [illegible] to be what he thinks [illegible] The American [illegible] "Herronized," in the sense Mr. Hill would have people think.

Bebel's Book

One of the works of the fathers of Socialism recommended especially by the National Executive Committee of the party as essential to a full understanding of its philosophy, is "Woman Under Socialism," now in its thirty-third edition. Its author is August Bebel, than whom there is no higher authority. I quote from the translation made by Daniel D. Leon, an editor of a New York Socialist weekly:

"Prostitution is today a necessary social institution, just as the police, standing armies, the church and wage mastership. Mankind will have to return to nature and to the natural conditions existing in [illegible]. It must cast off the now [illegible] and [illegible] notions concerning marriage. The [illegible] of the mother right implied communism, equality for all; the rise of the father right implied the reign of private property and with it the oppression and enslavement of woman."

The importance attached to this work as the Magna Charta of woman's rights, by Socialists, is further shown by an editorial appearing in the "New York Call," a leading Socialist daily, of Feb. 27, 1910. This would seem to be an up-to-date statement of Socialism on this question.

The editorial appears under the caption, "What Every Woman Ought to Know," [illegible]

[illegible]

J. Wesley Hill, Example and Victim of Capitalism

Battle Between Hanna[illegible] and Manhood

[illegible] by Rev. J. C. Hogan, of Spring City, Pa., Unmasking Hill and Giving His Court Record

[illegible] is the judgment [illegible] of this age [illegible] to preach the Gospel of [illegible] Socialism [illegible] from the pulpit, or upon moral [illegible] will be turned [illegible]. Under that [illegible] J. Wesley Hill makes a most [illegible]. He has leaped into the [illegible] Socialism, and now [illegible] a nation-wide revelation of his [illegible] deeds. He is a fine specimen [illegible] who opposes Socialism.

[illegible] was delivered by Rev. [illegible] at Spring City, Pa. It has been [illegible] the New York Daily Call in the [illegible] serves as justice of a great [illegible] challenge the record in [illegible] this shameful exposure [illegible] attacks on Socialism [illegible] of Judgment as best [illegible] there is "weeping and gnashing" [illegible] rage and shame.

[illegible] the publication of this man's [illegible] of Judgment into the [illegible] it will do the movement [illegible] the article from Com[illegible] Letter," which may [illegible] Spring City, Pa., for 50c [illegible]

[illegible]

ABATEMENT, AND THIS IS SLOWLY BUT SURELY PERMEATING THE CONSCIENCE OF THE PEOPLE. They [illegible] all the [illegible] and foolish [illegible] of the [illegible] and writers. To be a Socialist [illegible] a look of support that includes both the [illegible] and the world."

Also if you please contrast the [illegible] of this [illegible] with the noble [illegible] and good woman, Frances Willard. She said:

"WHAT THE SOCIALIST DESIRES IS THAT THE CORPORATION OF HUMANITY SHOULD CONTROL ALL PRODUCTION. BELOVED COMRADES, THIS IS THE FRICTIONLESS WAY; IT IS THE HIGHER WAY; IT ELIMINATES THE MOTIVES FOR A SELFISH LIFE; IT ENACTS INTO OUR EVERY-DAY LIVING THE ETHICS OF CHRIST'S GOSPEL. NOTHING ELSE WILL DO IT; NOTHING ELSE CAN BRING THE GLAD DAY OF UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

"OH, THAT I WERE YOUNG AGAIN, AND IT WOULD HAVE MY LIFE. IT IS GOD'S WAY OUT OF THE WILDERNESS AND INTO THE PROMISED LAND. IT IS THE VERY MARROW OF CHRIST'S GOSPEL. IT IS CHRISTIANITY APPLIED."

Who Is J. Wesley Hill?

It happens that I know all about this Anti-Socialist priest craft crowd, and the "Rev." J. Wesley Hill in particular. I am in possession of no less than forty-five charges and specifications against the moral character of this man J. Wesley Hill. And these charges and specifications make a very suitable [illegible] of Moral Health for the head and front of this American Anti-Socialist Society, and prove him indeed to be a choice and proper specimen for the capitalist class.

Of course, we Socialists consider Hill personally of very small importance, a man merely dirty and [illegible].

[illegible]

As the Appeal has very properly said:

"The reason for showing up the record of this man Hill, who has organized a movement to lie about Socialism, is to discredit him from his past life. A preacher who drinks, lies and misappropriates money [illegible] for [illegible] purposes [illegible]

[illegible]

I have traced Hill's record from his [illegible] days [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Our great [illegible] and noble Eugene V. Debs [illegible] very clearly when he says:

"THESE PIOUS NITWITS WHO DO NOT KNOW WHAT REAL RELIGION IS ARE ONE IN RAISING THE CRY AGAINST SOCIALISM IN THE NAME OF RELIGION. MOST OF THEM HAVE NEVER READ A CHAPTER OF SOCIALIST ECONOMICS AND ARE UTTERLY IGNORANT OF WHAT SOCIALISM REALLY MEANS, OR ELSE KNOWING WHAT IT MEANS DELIBERATELY [illegible] TO DECEIVE THE [illegible] FROM THEIR MASTERS."

[illegible]

ST. LOUIS FEL[illegible]

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